

Moreover, the next day Mr Fulke Greville was charged by the Queen to command Mr Cuffe, my Lord's Secretary, upon pain of death not to set forth any discourse of this service without her privy Hereupon Mr Anthony Bacon resolved to send copies of it abroad, and his Lordship's friends would do the like

Htb August AN ITALIAN GENTLEMAN
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One Signor Francesco Grademgo, the son of a great man in Venice, was of late presented to her Majesty at Court with letters of commendation from the French King. No sooner had he kissed hands than she said to him in Italian * My brother, the King of France, writes to me that I

am to show
 you the most beautiful things in this Kingdom,
 and the first
 thing you see is myself, the ugliest * To which
 Signor
 Grademgo replied that the splendour of her
 virtues was so
 great that the whole universe Inew how excellent
 she must be,
 being their source , and now that he had satisfied
 his eyes and
 fed his soul with the sight of her person, he cared
 to see naught
 else, being right well aware that the rest could
 not compare
 with her Whereat the Queen smiled and said, *
 Once on a time
 when I was a princess, I was more esteemed by
 your Lords than